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Dear General Counsel:

RE: MUR 6547

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with Mr. Jordan, I am submitting a supplement to MUR 6547. It includes the recently received 10th District Committee bank statements for 2011; the 10th District meeting minutes from June 10, 2010 To December 13, 2011; three email exchanges and a letter recognizing contributions made by me.

There were a series of events and discoveries that led up to the complaint I filed on April 2, 2012, among them were:

- At the June 9, 2011 10th District meeting we were made aware of Treasurer Charles Proctor's illness, as a result there was no treasurer's report, but the bank balances were reported. We adopted a proposed budget, which is attached to the minutes.

- I learned in September that the disbursements were not filed on some of 10th District FEC reports. Our previous treasurer Charles Proctor had died and it was explained that there was some sorting out to do and at the September 22nd meeting Chairman Lind said he and the new treasurer, Shak Hill, who was elected in July, were working with the FEC filer. The treasurer could not be there and so we did not get a treasurer's report, but the bank balances were reported.

- At the December 13, 2011 meeting Treasurer Shak Hill was present, but said his printer was broken and he could not provide copies of the treasurer's report, however he was able to report the bank balances. It was mentioned at the meeting that work was still going on to sort out the FEC reporting.

- On February 7, 2012 it was announced that we were going to use a new FEC filer and that they were working on the problems as a result of Mr. Proctor's death. By now, I as well as others, had become very skeptical, and I decided to pursue some answers. The first thing I discovered was that disbursements continued to not be filed on both the FEC and the SBE accounts. I also learned that my donations, totaling \$500, were not showing up.

- I sent an email to Chairman Lind listing my checks and the receipt from an online donation. He spoke with me on February 14th and said that the amended reports would be up in 2 or 3 days and I could use the corrections. They did not appear. (Attached with the treasurer's response)

- I subsequently contacted the treasurer when the reports were not posted and asked him for clarification on the donations and requested info on the finances, treasurer's reports, bank statements

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and copies of the leases, especially since it had become known that the Mclean office had been rented for 4 months and the Leesburg office apparently still had a lease. Only 3 months was budgeted for each location. Mr. Hill sent me a letter (attached) confirming the donations. He said it was difficult to obtain the bank statements, but he would send a spreadsheet he did have and would try to get copies of the leases to me as well.

- After reviewing the federal account spreadsheets, and being shocked at what I found, I requested the state account information, the bank statements for both bank accounts, and also the leases. What I received was just a state spreadsheet showing the receipts and expenses, but not the bank statements or the leases. Other members of the committee, who had previously questioned the finances, became involved and also sent letters to both the chairman and the treasurer, requesting the bank statements and both leases.

- The treasurer responded to me that he felt he had complied with the request by offering the spreadsheets; however he said he could not provide the leases. He did say that he did have a detailed treasurer's report ready to go. I responded that I still needed the bank statements, both leases and please go ahead and send the treasurer's report. Subsequently, after the complaint had been filed, he sent me the state bank statements, but said he had no treasurer's reports or lease for the McLean office. (That email exchange is attached)

- Chairman Lind sent an email out to the committee as a whole, ignoring our individual letters to him. He did not provide the bank statements, but did include the Leesburg lease. It had been made out for 15 months instead of the 3 months approved in the budget. He did not include the Mclean lease. I suspect there isn't one since it was a lump sum payment in advance. He also stated that the FEC amended reports were posted online.

- In reviewing the 10th District FEC amended reports I discovered:

1. My donations were still not posted correctly. The \$250-online donation was now credited to me, but both of the checks were now posted to my wife Sandra in error. Her occupation is listed as retired, however she is not retired; I am.
2. The receipts of \$624.83 for April were extraordinarily low compared to the spreadsheet and did not include my donation on April 30th. Common sense would dictate that there should be many more receipts coming in during the days leading up to the big April 30th event. (This is confirmed by the bank statements that were later received).
3. Although many of the disbursements were still showing up on the itemized reports as they had been earlier in the year when expenses were being allocated, now many of them, especially the questionable ones that had never been approved by the committee like personal expenditures for gasoline, lunches, dinners, breakfasts, tolls, etc. were concealed and not showing up. Even items like the Pyrix credit card fees at over \$200 were not showing up. The itemized report was hit or miss, just like the receipts. This, compounded by not having the bank statements or treasurer's reports, made it very worrisome.
4. It was painfully obvious that the spreadsheets were correct in substance and that thousands and thousands of dollars had been spent that were not approved in the budget, like wages, donations, the extra rent, radio calls, in-kind items like \$495 dinners and \$200 dollar bartender tabs (which were not showing up on the receiving candidates filings), along with all of the personal types of expenditures noted above including a hotel room. These personal expenditures for gas, tolls, food, hotels etc are the responsibility of the individual committee members, whether chairman or not. Indeed all of us are responsible for our transportation and meals whether

traveling around the district to meetings, working at the campaign offices, hosting debates, going to events, even travelling to Richmond for SCC meetings or to the Advance. They are normal and ordinary expenses that go with the job. This abuse of the donors trust is disgraceful and is unprecedented.

The bank statements that have since been received confirm the expenditures. I do not believe that the non-filing of disbursements was negligence. I believe it was intentionally designed to cover up a culture of cronyism, abuse and rampant spending that went well beyond the approved budget and fiduciary responsibility. I believe there was an effort to push this past the biennial party elections in the hopes it would pass over.

Although the approved budget includes an item for miscellaneous expenses, it was expected that it would be for items like: postage, office supplies, fliers, meeting room rentals, refreshments for committee meetings, and similar expenses.

I pray that the commission will see fit to restore to the committee's coffers the funds used to pay for personal expenses.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Whitmore

County/City of Prince William
Commonwealth of Virginia
The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn
before me this 19 day of April 2012
by Thomas James Whitmore
(name of person seeking acknowledgment)
Notary Public
My commission expires September 30th 2012

Toressa Natasha Romanik

